

In the Matter of)
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Request for Initiation of Proceeding Into) RM-10613
Character of WorldCom, Inc. and Other)
Commission Licensees; Motion for Extension)
of Time)

ORDER

Released: December 19, 2002

Extended Comment Date: January 31, 2003

By the Senior Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

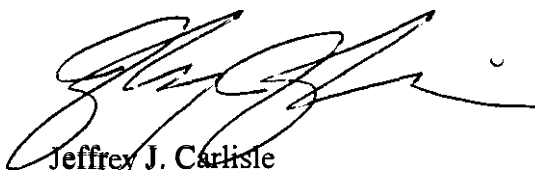
1. On December 5, 2002, the Commission released a public notice advising that interested persons may file “statements opposing or supporting” the above-captioned petition for rulemaking (RM-10613) within 30 days of that public notice, or by January 6, 2003. ¹
2. On December 13, 2002, the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc. (UCC) filed a motion for extension of time to file statements regarding the petition for rulemaking. UCC requests that the Commission extend the deadline for filing statements until January 31, 2003
3. UCC states that in order for interested persons to have sufficient time to review the petition and submit substantive statements in opposition to, or in support of the petition, an extension of the filing deadline is necessary in light of the holiday season. UCC also states that an extension of the filing deadline to January 31, 2003, will not prejudice any party because there is no critical immediate period of time in which the Commission must act on the petition for rulemaking.
4. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.’ In this instance, however, UCC has shown good cause for an extension of the deadline for filing statements in this proceeding. We therefore grant UCC’s motion and extend the deadline for filing statements regarding its petition for rulemaking to January 31, 2003.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

5. Therefore, IT **IS** ORDERED that the Motion for Extension of Time for Filing Statements regarding RM-10613, filed by the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc., **IS GRANTED**.

6. IT **IS** FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for filing statements regarding RM-10613 IS EXTENDED to **January 31,2003**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey J. Carlisle', is written over the printed name.

Jeffrey J. Carlisle
Senior Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau